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SUBJECT: NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN STATIONS AGREEMENT

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SUMMARY: HOST GOVERNMENTS OF ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE PARTIES TO 1954 NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN STATIONS AGREEMENT. MISSIONS REQUESTED INFORM APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THESE STATES THAT DUE BUDGETARY ACTION U. S. EXPECTS NOTIFY ICAO IN NEAR FUTURE OF ITS DESIRE TERMINATE THIS AGREEMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 1974, AND ENDORSE EARLY ICAO MEETING TO CONSIDER DETAILS OF PROGRAM PHASE- OUT. YOU SHOULD INFORM THEM U. S. WOULD INTEND GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF ITS OPERATIONS LEADING UP TO PROGRAM TERMINATION BY DISESTABLISHING OCEAN STATION DELTA ON JUNE 30, 1973, STATION CHARLIE ON DECEMBER 31 AND STATION BRAVO ON JUNE 30, 1974. IN ADDITION, U. S. PLANS CALL INFORMAL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PARTIES TO OCEAN STATIONS AGREEMENT WHILE THEY ARE ATTENDING ICAO DANISH/ ICELANDIC JOINT FINANCING CONFERENCE AT PARIS, MARCH 27 - APRIL 7, TO DISCUSS THIS SCHEDULE. REPORT ANY REACTIONS SOONEST. END SUMMARY.

1. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED TERMINATE DURING U. S. FY 1974 THE FUNDING OF ALL VESSELS AND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY U. S. UNDER 1954 NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN STATIONS AGREEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN RENEWED ON ANNUAL BASIS EACH YEAR SINCE 1954 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIX. U. S. EXPECTS NOTIFY ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL IN NEAR FUTURE OF ITS DESIRE TO TERMINATE AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2(B) OF ARTICLE XIX. THE EFFECT OF THIS ACTION WOULD BE TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 1974.

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2. PURSUANT TO 3(B) OF ARTICLE XIX, THE ICAO COUNCIL

IS TO CONVENE A CONFERENCE " AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION AND THE POSSIBILITY OF CONCLUDING A NEW AGREEMENT" WHEN NOTICE OF TERMINATION IS GIVEN. IN DEPOSITING NOTICE OF TERMINATION U. S. REP ICAO COUNCIL WOULD ENDORSE CONVENING OF THIS CONFERENCE AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME. U. S. ALSO PLANS HOLD INFORMAL MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES TO OCEAN STATIONS AGREEMENT DURING ICAO DEN/ICE CONFERENCE AT PARIS DURING PERIOD MARCH 27 - APRIL 7.

3. A BUDGETARY DECISION BY THE ADMINISTRATION PROVIDES FUNDS FOR U. S. PARTICIPATION IN THE OCEAN STATIONS AGREEMENT FOR ONLY ONE- HALF U. S. FY 1974 AND MAKES IT THE FINAL YEAR U. S. WILL BE ABLE TO OPERATE UNDER THE AGREEMENT. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WOULD INTEND A PHASE- OUT OF U. S.- OPERATED OCEAN STATIONS IN ACCORD- ANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE: OCEAN STATION DELTA - JUNE 30, 1973; STATION CHARLIE - DECEMBER 31, 1973; STATION BRAVO - JUNE 30, 1974. WE BELIEVE THIS SCHEDULE PROVIDES THE MOST ORDERLY WAY FOR PHASING- OUT THE AGREE- MENT AND COINCIDES WITH METEOROLOGICAL PRIORITIES DURING THE WINTER OF 1973-1974.

4. UNDER OCEAN STATIONS AGREEMENT, CANADA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATING ONE SHIP AT STATION BRAVO. HOWEVER, U. S. OPERATES ALL SHIPS AT BRAVO IN EXCHANGE FOR CANADIAN OPERATION OF A PACIFIC OCEAN STATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1954 U. S.- CANADIAN BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON PACIFIC OCEAN WEATHER STATIONS. CANADIANS WOULD BE INFORMED SAME TIME AS ICAO THAT U. S. IS TERMINATING THIS AGREEMENT WITH SAME EFFECTIVE DATE AS TERMINATION OF NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN STATION AGREEMENT. EMBASSY OTTAWA SHOULD NOTE OCEAN STATION BRAVO IS BEING PHASED- OUT ON FINAL DATE CANADA WOULD HAVE OBLIGA- TION TO OPERATE THIS STATION UNDER OCEAN STATIONS AGREEMENT,

SO U. S. ACTION WILL NOT RAISE ANY QUESTION FOR CANADAIA RESIDUAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THAT AGREEMENT.

5. MISSIONS REQUESTED INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF U. S. INTENTION TERMINATE THE 1954 AGREEMENTS, OUR INTENDED PLANS ON PHASE- OUT OF U. S. PARTICIPATION IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEMENT AND REASONS THEREFOR, AS SET OUTABOVE, AND THAT U. S. WILL CALL INFORMAL MEETING OF REPS OF OTHER PARTIES TO NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN STATIONS AGREEMENT DURING ICAO JOINT FINANCING CONFERENCE AT PARIS MAR 27 - APRIL 7. REPORT ANY REACTIONS SOONEST.

FYI MISSIONS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE PROPOSED PHASE- OUT
MAY BE SUBJECT TO ACCUSATIONS THAT WE ARE VIOLATING THE
AGREEMENT BY WITHDRAWING STATIONS PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 1974 BUT
SHOULD REFRAIN FROM ANY DISCUSSION THIS MATTER PARTICULARLY IN
VIEW OF INFORMAL MEETING BEING CONVENED BY US. END FYI.

FOR US REP ICAO: THIS TELEGRAM IS FOR YOUR INFO.
ONLY. YOUR INSTRUCTIONS RE TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT WILL
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